

Trig Functions and Chain Rule Worksheet

- (1) Calculate the derivatives of the following functions:
- $\sin e^x$
- ,
- $\cot \theta$
- ,
- $\sec \theta$
- ,
- $\tan^2 x$
- ,
- $\tan x^2$

$$(\sin e^x)' = (\cos e^x) e^x \quad (\text{cancel } \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}) \quad (\text{cancel } \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}) \quad (\text{cancel } \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta})$$

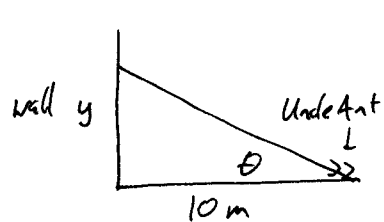
$$(\cot \theta)' = \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)' = \frac{\sin \theta (-\sin \theta) - \cos \theta (\cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{-\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 \theta} = -\csc^2 \theta$$

$$(\sec \theta)' = \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)' = \frac{-(-\sin \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta \sec \theta$$

$$(\tan^2 x)' = 2 \cdot \tan x \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$(\tan x^2)' = (\sec^2 x^2) \cdot 2x$$

- (2) Uncle Ant is shining a laser beam on a wall. If the wall is 10 meters away, and the angle
- θ
- that the beam makes with the ground is increasing at a rate of 0.2 radians/second, how fast is the height
- y
- of the spot on the wall increasing?



$$\frac{y(t)}{10} = \tan \theta(t), \text{ so } y(t) = 10 \tan \theta(t)$$

$$y'(t) = 10 \sec^2 \theta(t) \cdot \theta'(t)$$

$$\text{Since } \theta'(t) = 0.2, \text{ } y'(t) = 2 \sec^2 \theta(t)$$

- (3) (a) The number
- B
- of grams of bacteria living on the leftover eggplant in my fridge after
- t
- days is given by the function
- $B(t) = 1000e^{0.1t}$
- . How fast is the amount of bacteria growing after ten days?

$$B'(t) = (1000e^{0.1t})' = 1000e^{0.1t} \cdot 0.1 = 100e^{0.1t}$$

$$\text{So } B'(10) = 100e^{0.1 \times 10} = 100e \approx 272 \text{ g/day}$$

- (b) The tastiness
- T
- of the eggplant is a function of the number of bacteria living on it:
- $T = 1/B$
- . How fast is the tastiness decreasing after ten days? What are the units?

$$T(t) = \frac{1}{B(t)}, \text{ so } T'(t) = \frac{-B'(t)}{(B(t))^2}. \text{ Thus } T'(10) = \frac{-100e}{(1000e)^2} = \frac{-1}{10,000e}$$

$$\approx \frac{-1}{27,200} \frac{\text{metric grams}}{\text{day}}$$

- (4) A cubical block of ice with edges 20 in. long begins to melt at 8 am. Each edge decreases at a constant rate thereafter and each is 8 in. long at 4 pm. What was the rate of change of the block's volume at noon? (Is this problem realistic physically?)

$$s = \text{edge length} \quad V = \text{volume} \quad V = s^3, \text{ so } V' = 3s^2 s'. \quad s' \text{ is constant.}$$

$$\text{After 8 hours, } s \text{ has decreased by 12, so } s' = \frac{-12}{8} = -3/2. \text{ So at noon,}$$

$$s = 20 - \frac{3}{2} \cdot 4 = 14 \text{ (4 hrs. from 8 to noon), or } s = 14.$$

$$\text{Thus } V'(\text{noon}) = 3s^2(\text{noon})s'(\text{noon}) = 3 \cdot 14^2 \cdot (-3/2) = -882 \text{ in}^3/\text{hr}$$

(Realistically, s' probably wouldn't be constant. The rate of melting is probably proportional to surface area.)